(c) As per information received from the National Commission for Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes the Commission dealt with 9626 cases from October, 1996 to December, 1997 of which 3365 cases were finalised within this period.

(d) Yes, Sir.

(e) The Commission is already discharging its functions effectively.

Hostels for SC Girls in Maharashtra

2230. MISS SAROJ KHAPARDE: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) total number of hostels for SC girls established far in the State of Maharash tra under the Centrals Scheme with details thereof, district-wise;

(b) how many SC girls are being benefited from such hostels as on date;

(c) whether it is a fact that SC girls hostels are not getting proper attention in the State; and

(d) the remedial measures Government propose to take to improve the situation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SHRIMATI MANEKA GANDHI): (a) to (d) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Rehabilitation of Scavengers in Maharashtra

2231. MISS SAROJ KHAPARDE: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether National Scheme of Liberation of Scavengers and their dependents is being implemented in Maharashtra;

(b) if so, the details thereof for the last three years and funds released to the State for scavengers and scavenger families liberated from the inhuman practice of scavenging during the said period, year-wise; and

(c) how many sccavenger families are yet to be liberated in the State and action being taken by Government in that direction?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SHRIMATI MANEKA GANDHI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The year-wise information is as under:

Year	Fund released (Rs. in crores)	No. of Scavenger liberated
1995-96	5.80	3094
1996-97	Nil	1442
1997-98	Nil	2294

(c) 6354 scavengers are yet to be liberated and efforts are being made to finance all the families in the stipulated period through Nationalised Banks.

Notification of People under Disability Act, 1995

2232. SHRI R. MARGABANDU: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state by when Government will notify all the clauses of People with Disability Act, 1995 (Act No. 1 of 1996) in the official gazzettee and bring the same into force?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT(SHRIMATI MANEKA GANDHI): In exercise of the powers conferred by sub-section (3) of Section 1 of the Persons with Disabilities (Equal Opportunities, Protection of Rights and Full participation) Act, 1995 (1 of 1996), the Central Government vide the Gazettee of India S.O. No. 107 (E), dated 7th February, 1996 has already notified the 7th day of February, 1996 as the date on which the provisions of the said Act has come into force.